

REMARKS

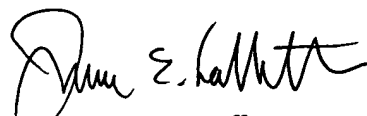
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 4-11 are allowed. Claims 1-3 are hereby canceled. The elements of claims 4-11 are hereby placed in non-means-plus-function format.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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